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1. REF A PROVIDES COMMENT ON PRIORITY AREAS AS OUTLINED IN
AGENDA REFTEL B. ON AGENDA ITSELF PROPOSED BY INDIANS REF
B, ITEMS 2 AND 4 APPEAR TO BE EFFORT TO FOSTER DISTINCTION
BETWEEN SUBCOMMISSION(PRIORITY) INITIATIVES AND OTHER
ON-GOING ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY USG SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY
HOLDINGS. WE HOPE TO AVOID SUCH A DISTINCTION. THE SUB-
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COMMISSION, WHILE DEFINING AND FOCUSING ON PRIORITY

INTERESTS, SHOULD NOT EXCLUDE FROM ITS CONCERN THE TOTAL SCOPE OF S&T COOPERATION. THEREFORE WE PROPOSE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH INDIANS MAY HAVE IN MIND FOR ITEM 2 BE INCORPORATED IN ITEM 4. ALSO, YOU SHOULD CLARIFY TO GOI THAT, SINCE CONCLUSION OF RUPEE AGREEMENT, TERM "PL-480 RUPEES" IS NO LONGER APPROPRIATE.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH ITEM 4, INDIANS APPARENTLY ALSO HAVE IN MIND THAT SUBCOMMISSION BECOME SOME SORT OF "INSTITUTIONALIZED" BODY WHEN THEY SPEAK OF "DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISMS". THIS ALSO WE WISH TO AVOID. EACH SIDE SHOULD BE AWARE OF EACH OTHER'S CLEARANCE AND APPROVAL MECHANISMS BUT A JOINT MECHANISM WOULD RAISE QUESTIONS AND/OR PROBLEMS, INCLUDING SOME LEGAL ONES FOR US.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE POINTS, WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING AGENDA MODIFICATION:

- 1) (AS IS).
- 2)(INDIANS' ITEM 3) TO CONSIDER THE PROGRAMS IN PRIORITY AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR S&T COOPERATION.
- 3) TO REVIEW COOPERATION IN OTHER AREAS OF S&T.
- 4) TO DISCUSS METHODOLOGY AND PROCEDURES OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:

- A) CLEARANCE OF ACTIVITIES.
- B) FINANCING.
- C) FOCAL POINTS.
- D. RELATIONSHIPS AND FUNCTION OF THE SUBCOMMISSION AS APPROPRIATE.

- 5) OTHER BUSINESS.
- 6) NEXT MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMISSION.

4. WE WOULD EXPECT ITEM 4 TO RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF TIME OF MEETING. WE ARE NOT SURE OF BEST WAY TO APPROACH THIS ITEM. EACH SIDE COULD PREPARE DISCUSSION PAPER UPON WHICH MORE FREEWHEELING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD TEN TAKE PLACE. IN ANY EVENT WE WOULD HOPE PROBLEMS AND DIFFERENCES CAN BE SURFACED AS BEST MEANS TO REACH UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENSUS. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT AND COST VIEWS.

5. RE REF C, WE WILL PROVIDE DELEGATION NAMES WHEN FIRM, HOPEFULLY IN FEW DAYS. WE EXPECT U.S. AGENCIES IN PRIORITY AREAS WILL BE INCLUDED. MARK BEAUBIEN IN OES WILL SERVE

AS FOCAL POINT IN LIEU OF RICHMOND. PLEASE PROVIDE
SOONEST SCHEDULE OF EMBASSY AND SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS
AND EVENTS IN ORDER TO PLAN TRAVEL OF DELEGATION. WE
WILL BE MEETING WITH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES ON
JANUARY 8 AND HOPE TO HAVE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF DOCUMENT-
ATION AND INFORMATION FROM GOI BY THAT TIME. ROBINSON

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